

**District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2003
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The District IV Advisory Board Meeting was held at 7:00 P.M. at Stanley Neighborhood City Hall at 1749 S. Martinson. In attendance were the District IV City Council Member, seven (7) District Advisory Board Members, thirteen (13) City Staff, and twenty-five (25) citizens.

Members Present

Councilmember Bill Gale
Ed Koon
Wayne Wells
Jerry McGinty
Jim Benton
Bea Vickers
Rex Gray

Members Absent

Tom Kessler
Paul Ward
Dorman Blake
Iola Crandall

Staff

Aaron Hamilton, Neighborhood Assistant
Officer Richard Mellard
Officer Tony Bamberger
Scott Logan, Traffic Engineer

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the November 6, 2002 and December 4, 2002, minutes was approved 6:0.
(Vickers/Benton)

Approval of Agenda

Item 1c (Kingston Cove) was tabled until more information could be gathered; Planning cases were moved to follow the public agenda. The agenda was approved 6:0 with amendments (Benton/Vickers).

Public Agenda

The Public Agenda contains requests from members of the public who desire to present matters to the District Advisory Board. Each presentation is limited to a period of five minutes unless extended by the Board.

1. Off agenda items

A. Parents as Teachers - Mitzie Hall, Parents as Teachers coordinator, presented the *Parents as Teachers* program, which is part of the USD 259 school district. The program is for children 0 to 5 years old and their parents. *Parents as Teachers* teaches parents how to be their child's first teacher. **Hall** showed a video overviewing the program.

The following are questions from the Board. Answers are in italics where applicable.

Ed Koon - Are the programs available at night? *Yes, several events are scheduled at night.*

Jim Benton - Is the program available year-round? *Yes.*

Rex Gray - What is the cost of the program? *Approximately one million dollars. Funding comes from the Department of Education, Boeing, and USD 259. Some of the expenses covered are: rental costs, staff, cars, mileage, and expenses within the schools.*

Benton - Do you charge for stickers? *Yes, at the Parent Resource Center, 412 S. Main.*

B. United Methodist Health Clinic - Kerin Smith, United Methodist Health Clinic and Meadowlark Neighborhood Association, gave a background of "The Healthy Children's Center", located south of Lincoln and Emporia. They are seeking new patients. Patients can pay on a sliding scale or use Medicaid. The clinic does accept other children's insurance or charge cards. The also offers adult care. Dr. Michael Modsley is their newest pediatrician.

2. ZON2002-67 - Scott Knebel, Senior Planner, presented the requested zone change from "GO" General Office to "LC" Limited Commercial" generally located off 27th Street south on the east side of Seneca. The proposed use for the property is to open an Aldi's grocery store. Screening and buffering in back of the property and landscape in the front (west) of property would be required. Staff recommends approval.

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Benton - If approved, what is the time frame for construction? *Not sure.*

Jerry McGinty - Will they put more driveways on Seneca? *No, the existing drives will be the only drives.*

Terry Smith - Baughman Engineering, hopes to open within 60 days of the closing of the property that's selling.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve the zoning change according to staff report. The motion passed 6:0 (McGinty/Koon).

3. ZON2002-68 - Scott Knebel, Senior Planner, explained University zoning. Friends University bought a property and are requesting a zone change.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve the zoning change. The motion passed 6:0 (Benton/McGinty).

Staff Presentations

4. Community Police Report

Officer Bamberger, has been studying for the detective test and is currently 4th on the detective list. February 19th will be the "Crime Free Apartments" class. The whole Unit has been down in Old Town visiting with merchants and visitors down there about the latest murder. The "South Seneca Parade" will be April 19th. The "Christmas Crusade" fed 1,400 kids this year.

Officer Mellard, worked on the "Lights on St. Paul" to make it a community sponsored event. Over 6,200 cars went through this year. 40 organizations sponsored, costs are down, and community involvement went up.

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Bill Gale - How much money was raised? *That information has not been released.* Is **Mellard** on the Detective list? *Yes, he has been on it the last eight years.*

Gale - Commended Officer Mellard and Jim Benton on the work done on this event and the car.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

6. Progress Report on Traffic Issues/Requests:

35th and Seneca - Scott Logan, Traffic Engineer, summarized December's meeting comments. Seneca has higher traffic numbers but a lower speed limit than MacArthur. He explained the difference for obtaining warrants between speed limits. Staff recommends a signal at Gold and MacArthur. Gold is collector street whereas 35th is not.

The following are questions and comments from the Board. Answers are in italics where applicable.

Benton - Commended Scott on his report.

Officer Bamberger – The neighborhood's concern is South High School traffic. Can 20 mph zone be installed during certain hours? *That was tried at Kapaun-Mt Carmel, and only 5% of motorists complied. Usually, 20 mph zones are put only in front of elementary schools. The issue is: if you do it here, you have to do it everywhere.*

Benton – Suggested leaving the lights and crosswalk in current location.

Bill Gale – What is the cost of moving signs? *Thousands of dollars and typically, motorists don't slow down if they don't see the schools.*

Gale - Would it work with flashing lights at Enterprise?

Mellard – Suggested making 35th a no left turn as it is easier to enforce.

Gale - Would it be possible to make it a "no left turn"? *Yes.*

Joanne Whittig - Were people doing the speed limit? *The average speed measured for 100 motorists in each direction. The technician who does the measuring is unbiased.*

Logan invited **Whittig** to come help measure speed.

Board Action: It was recommended putting a “no left turn” at 35th and Seneca for an hour a day to help control South High School traffic. The motion passed 6:0 (Benton/McGinty).

Sidewalk Report – Scott Logan reported the City spends \$400,000, (\$350,000 for loading ramps plus \$50,000 for sidewalks) on sidewalks and updating them to meet ADA standards. They are starting prioritization of sidewalk projects for the future. Staff is contacting residents now to get their feedback.

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Koon – There are no sidewalks on Douglas from West street to the Big Ditch. He feels Douglas needs to be redone west of West street.

Logan proposed:

1. Harry from Martinson to Millwood.
2. Meridian - see sheet and use as attachment.

Koon - Is there a way to measure pedestrian traffic? *No.*

Gale - On cost figures, it costs \$10.00 per linear foot to install a sidewalk? *Yes, \$50,000 per mile.*

Gale - Would \$300,00 cover the sidewalks at interchanges? *No answer was given.*

Koon - Are there sidewalks under I-235 and Maple? *No. The City has to get approval from KDOT.*

Board Action: Receive and File.

Board Agenda

7. Updates, Issues, and Reports

Council Member Bill Gale – Reported the City Council approved the 2003 street program and west Douglas streetscape for Delano. Bids came in over budget, so they amended the budgeted amount. The motion eliminated alternates on bids (about \$300,000) and go with base, which was \$300,000 higher than what was presented. Money was taken from the Seneca project (large stones in medians).

Jim Benton – Southwest Village NA met January 14, 2003, and worked on their spring clean up (early June). All candidates for District IV attended. He will begin serving on the Grants Review Committee next week.

Bea Vickers - The next meeting for Southwest Neighborhood Association is January 28th at Osage Park.

Wayne Wells - Thanked the Police for checking speeders on west Kellogg. The Delano zoning portion of the Neighborhood Plan was addressed yesterday at the City Council meeting. He thanked Council members Fearey, Martz, Lambke and Gale about the \$1 million-dollar decision and for the stand they took.

Bill Gale - Thanked Wayne and explained Vice Mayor Martz's proposal to help the laid off workers.

Joanne Whittig - Liked the idea by Vice Mayor Martz. The City could have people clear Grove Park.

Wells - Liked the idea.

Rex Gray - Liked the idea also.

Koon - Recognized there is a problem, but could get private industries together to look into other options.

Gale - Send good ideas to him. Thanked DAB for their time and effort.

Aaron Hamilton - The AARP tax people will be at Stanley from February 7th until April 14th.

Benton moved to adjourn, Ed Koon seconded, passed 6:0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Guest List

Mitzi Hall 910 W. Putter Cr. 67002

Gary Gibbs 1024 W. Maywood

James & Kerin Smith 2240 S. Crestway

Joann Hartig 1756 S. Main

Irene Armstrong 1109 Greenfield

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Gene Campbell 4701 Ida 67216
Doug Mason

Rex Gray 623 N. Tracy

Respectfully submitted,

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